

Engaging with technology.

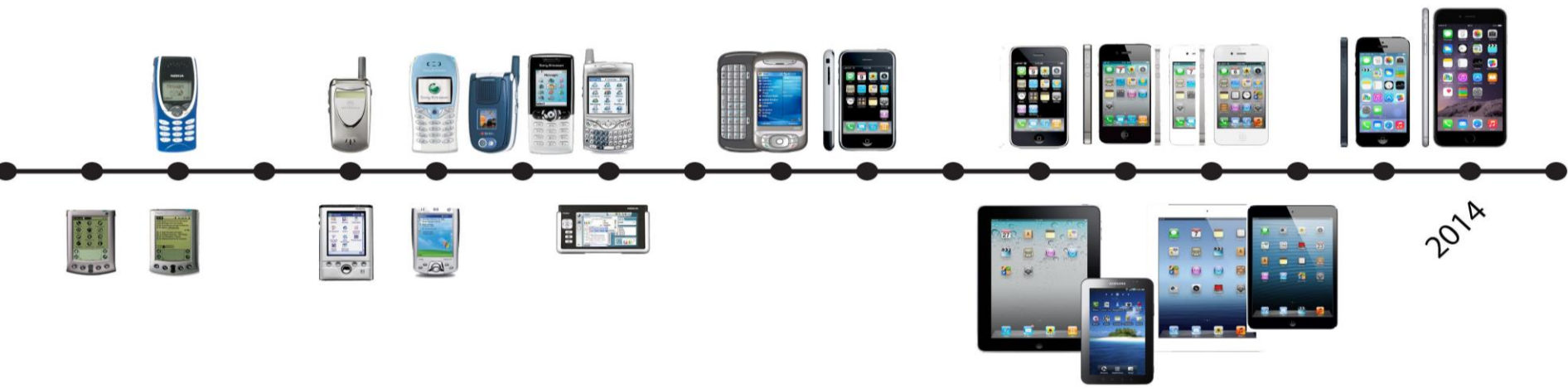
Confessions...



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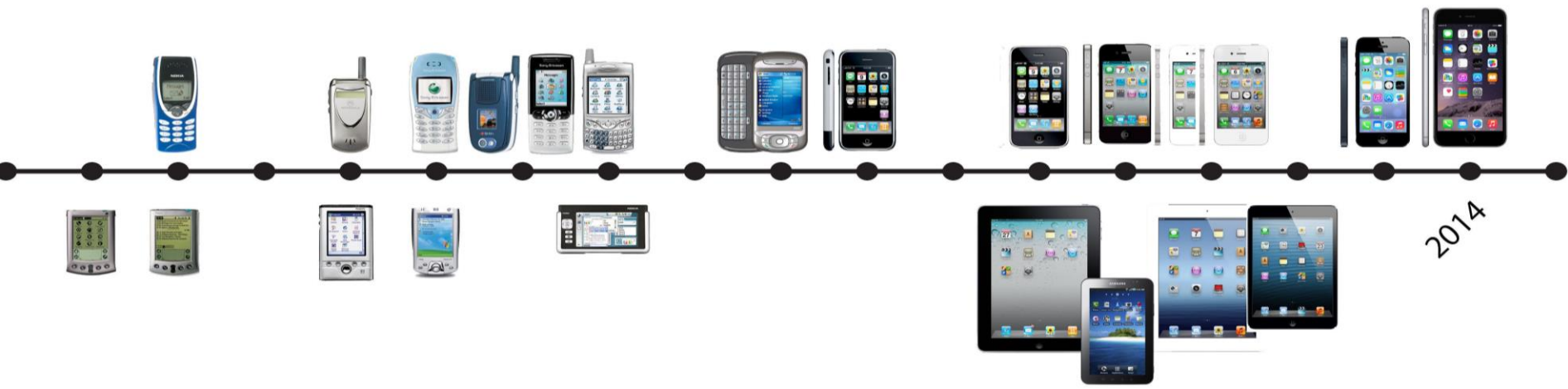
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‘Every technological innovation is a new theological invitation for renewed biblical contemplation by God’s people.’

Tony Reinke



‘Thoughtlessly
adopting
new
technology is
worldliness.’

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Changes in technology



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The smartphone...



‘This generation has the unique task assigned it of discerning what the new media are really good for, and that means, also, what they are not good for. If they fluff it, generations after them will pay the price.’

Oliver O'Donovan



‘And so we, all of us,
are trying to figure out
what is useful and what
damages us. We can’t
escape it and probably
none of us wants to
escape it. We cannot
become digital
monks...’

David Wells



‘there is no doubt that life is more highly distracted, because we get pings and beeps and text messages. We are, in fact, living with a parallel, virtual universe, a universe that can take all of the time that we have. What happens to us when we are in constant motion—when we are addicted to constant visual stimulation? What is this doing to us? That is the big question.’

David Wells



AFAIK

AIR

THNX or THX

C U

C U L8R

SWAK

NP

WYD

YOYO

XOXO

LOL

BFN

IMHO

How are you feeling?



AFAIK	As Far As I Know
AIR	Am I Right
THNX or THX	Thanks
C U	See You
C U L8R	See You Later
SWAK	Sealed With a Kiss
NP	No problem
WYD	What Are You Doing
YOYO	You're On Your Own
XOXO	Hugs And Kisses
LOL	Laughing Out Loud
BFN	Bye For Now
IMHO	In My Humble/Honest Opinion

How are you feeling?



happy



embarrassed



scared



nervous



goofy



surprised



quiet



annoyed



cool



sad



tired



excited



bored



sick



frustrated



angry



funny



proud

‘Finding
grace for our
digital failures
and for our
digital
futures.’

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Smartphone use



- ☐ Time & Distraction
- ☐ Relating to people
- ☐ Self worth / approval
- ☐ Knowledge / wisdom
- ☐ Personal sin
- ☐ Others mistakes/sin

Time & Distraction



But the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Mark 4:19

Relating to people



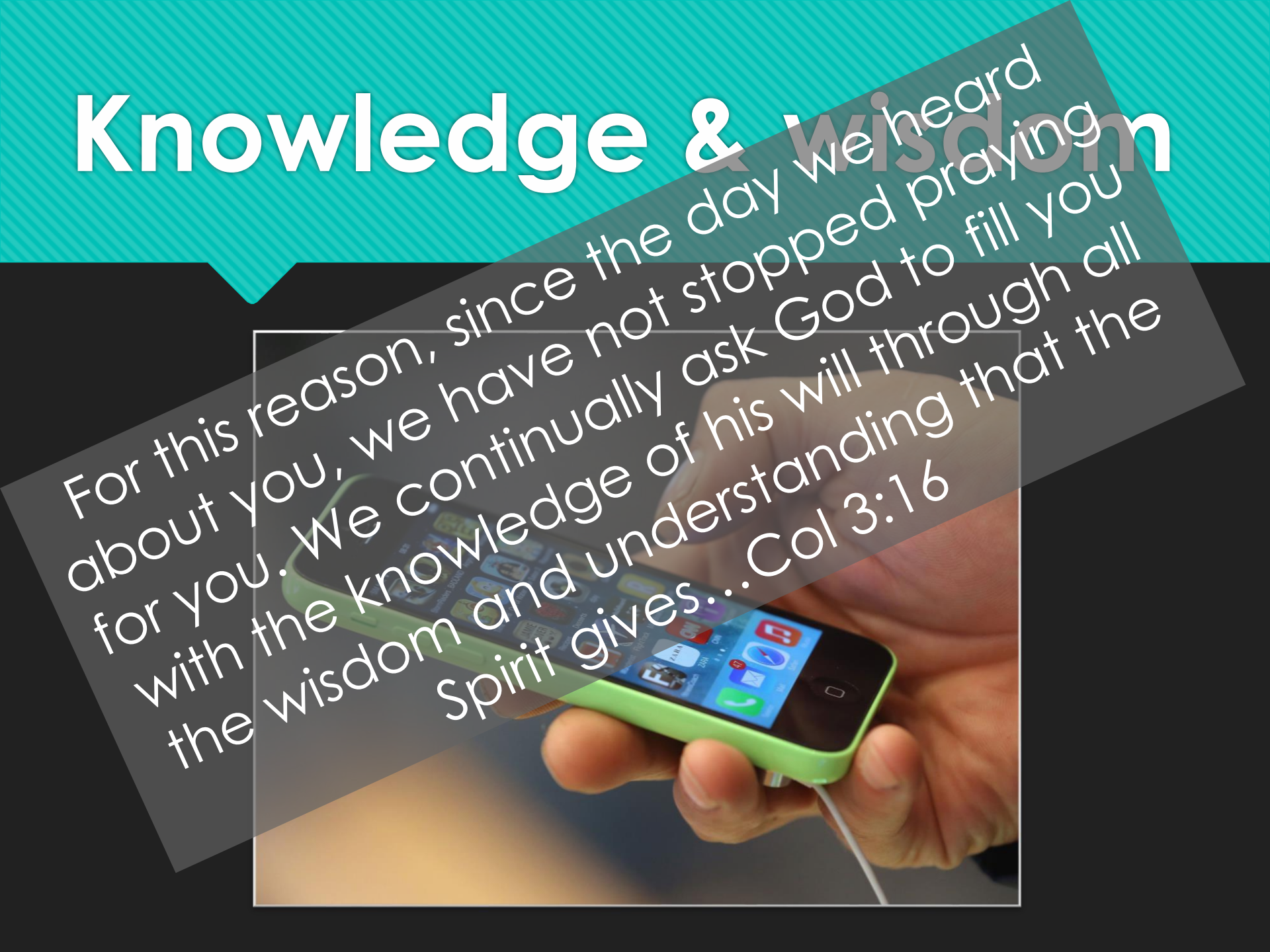
Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. Matt 22:37-40

Self worth / approval

Therefore, there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus, Rom 8:1



Knowledge & Wisdom



For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives...Col 3:16

Personal sin

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge. Ps 51:3-4



Others mistakes/sin

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph 4:32



Key questions:

Does my smartphone
behaviour:

- ❑ Move me towards Christ or away from him
- ❑ Edify me and others or build nothing of lasting value
- ❑ Express my freedom in Christ or my need for other things



